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The Honorable Ken Bennett
Senate President
Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1513: budget; general appropriations

Dear President Bennett:

Today I signed into law Senate Bill 1513, the general appropriations bill, subject to a single line item veto of three lines within section 114.

I am pleased that this bill makes important investments in Arizona's children, health care and public safety, while still balancing our budget.

The one item of appropriation over which I have exercised my line item veto authority is section 114 (page 105, line 36 (beginning with "The") through line 39). This item would have forced the state to place all excess revenues into the budget stabilization fund. It is unnecessary and imprudent to commit all such excess revenues to this fund before they are received or quantified. In the event that the state receives and has no other need for excess revenues, we will have the option of appropriating such revenues to the budget stabilization fund later in the coming fiscal year.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Janet Napolitano
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Jim Weiers
The Honorable Robert Burns